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Course of life.

I was born on February 2, 1924 in Fünfkirchen /Hungary/ as son of Dr. Joseph Charles H. and his wife Gisela Gschwandtner-György. As to my religious affiliations, I am a Roman Catholic. I was brought up in Hungary where my father was a mining-engineer. I am Hungarian citizen since my birth.

My education has been obtained in a French primary school of the Frère Maristes in Budapest. Later I came to the grammar school "Reichs-deutsche Schule" where I have taken my leaving-certificate examination 1941/42. I became neither a member of the Hitler-Youth nor of the NSDAP and affiliated branches like the Allgemeine SS.

According to the regulations existing at this time I had no opportunity to begin my studies before becoming a soldier. The laws of this time and an agreement between Ribbentrop and the Hungarian Government stated that all men of Austrian or German origin have to serve in the Waffen-SS, a branch of the Wehrmacht, not of the NSDAP. In spite of this I tried to come to the Air Force but was transferred on April 26, 1942 to the Waffen-SS. I was in the following units:

- 1/ April 1942-end of July 1942: SS-Kavallerie /:Cavalry/ Ausbildungs- und Ersatzabteilung, Warszawa, as recruit.
- 2/ End of July 1942-beginning of September 1942: Nachrichtenabteilung of the SS-Cavalry Division, Debica, South Poland, front-line unit.
- 3/ September 1942: transferred with the Cavalry Division to Russia, operating in Rudnja near Smolensk. March to the front near Voronezh. Winter battle of Toropets. February 1943 to the Russian break-through at Orel-Karachew.
- 4/ March 1943: transferring to the Kradschitzkompanie of the 1st Infantry Regiment, SS-Cavalry Division, front-line unit near Debica. Then combat experience around Kiev, until June 1943.
- 5/ June 1943: transferring to tank-training at SS-Panzerabteilung Ausbildungs- und Ersatzabteilung in Bitsch near Strassburg, Moselle. This unit came to Dondangen, near Riga in the Baltic States.
- 6/ November 1943: transferring to the tank-officer-school of the Wehrmacht-Heer at Fallingb. near Hannover, Germany.
- 7/ End of April 1944 transferring to the SS-Panzerabteilung Ausbildungs- und Ersatzabteilung Dondangen /see 5/.
- 8/ May 1944 transferring to an officer training-camp for motorised artillery /Sturmgeschütze/ to Beneschau, Tschecoslawakia.
- 9/ June 1944 transferring to Sturmgeschützabteilung Ausbildungs- und Ersatzabteilung in Debica, South Poland. Training of recruits and defending of a secret-weapon station /: 4 10 :/ against possible Russian air-bern-raids.
- 10/ July 20, 1944 transferring to Panzer Jäger Abteilung /Antitank-battalion/ of the 8th SS-Cavalry Division "Florian Geyer" stationed in South Hungary. Training of recruits.
- 11/ August 1944: transferring with the Division to the front in Roumania.
- 12/ End of August 1944 transferring to Infantry Regiment "Siebenbürgen" an independent unit of the Wehrmacht-Heer pulled together for defending Transylvania after the Roumanian Armistice. Severely wounded near Tordau on September 22, 1944.
- 13/ September 1944: transferred to...

I had the following ranks:

until June 1943 soldier

June 1, 1943 : Sturmmann /Gefreiter/

November 9, 1943: Rottenführer /Obergefreiter/

December 1, 1943: Unterscharführer /Unteroffizier/

December 20, 1943: Junker der Reserve /Fähnrich der Reserve/

February 7, 1944: Standartenjunker der Reserve

April 20, 1944: Standartenoberjunker der Reserve /Oberfähnrich i. Res.

June 21, 1944: Untersturmführer der Reserve /Leutnant/

August 1944: after being transferred to Regiment "Siebenbürgen"  
Leutnant der Reserve.

I have to state that I have a clean war-record without any political or war-criminal facts.

After the war I was in hospital until the middle of 1946 and began then my studies at the Vienna School of Economics /"Hochschule für Welthandel"/, where I took my doctor degree in December 1949, about one and half year earlier than required. I won the prize of my College for the best Austrian Reconstruction Plan and different scholarships. From my professors I got the best marks on the two books, which are until now the results of a detailed study of the American economy: "The Foreign Trade of the US" /117 pages/ and "The Economic Stability of the US" /177 pages/.

Since January 1950 I am working at the Foreign Trade Bureau of Messers. Rumpler, Vienna IX, Rooseveltplatz 10, Phone U-24-2-62. Besides that I am writing economic articles for different European newspapers and periodicals. I am leading also the seminary for economics in the "International College", a society which promotes European integration. I have written also some exposes for ECA, Vienna, and I am the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, Mr. Keyserling. My career is checked as long as I am stateless. My father is working since several years on the American Legation in Budapest. It is my earnest desire to work with all efforts for a Free World.

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